

SENATE BILL 2483

By Kilby

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41,
Chapter 1, relative to the escort of inmates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

Section 41-1-123. All correctional officers escorting inmates outside of the confines of a penitentiary, jail, workhouse, or other secure facility shall wear protective vests while escorting such inmates. For purposes of this section, a "protective vest" means a bullet-resistant soft armor providing, as a minimum standard, the level of protection known as threat level I, which shall mean at least seven (7) layers of bullet-resistant material providing protection from three (3) shots of one hundred fifty-eight-grain lead ammunition fired from a .38 caliber handgun at a velocity of eight hundred fifty feet (850') per second. The department of corrections shall provide protective vests for its employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006, the public welfare requiring it.